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Gas Fire

Gas was allowed to burn free in a one-hour controlled fire while a Fire Division officer hoses down a nearby residence as a precautionary measure in Tuesday's Brantwood road gas fire.

One Arrested

Three Hold Up Branch Bank

One Boston man was arrested and police are still seeking two others in connection with last Thursday's armed robbery of Suburban National Bank in East Arlington.

Michael Parenti, 79 Chandler st., Boston, was arrested by Police Officer Thomas Calautti on West street in Medford, following a bullet punctuated chase by Arlington police from the Mass. avenue bank to Medford via Alewife Brook parkway.

Parenti was charged with armed robbery while masked, assault with intent to murder, confining and putting in fear for the purpose of robbery, illegal possession of firearms, and using a motor vehicle without authority. He has

been held in lieu of \$50,000 bail at the Billerica House of Correction.

Following the arrest, Parenti was taken to Symmes Hospital where he underwent observation for an eye injury and stomach injury from the Arlington K-9 dog.

While Parenti was hospitalized Donna Duval, 22, of South Boston, was charged with "access after" to armed robbery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and attempting to rescue a prisoner after she tried to get to Parenti's room. She was intercepted by police and has been held in lieu of \$15,000 bail at the women's correctional institution at Framingham. Police recovered a knife in her possession.

According to Director of Police Services John Carroll, Police Officer Robert Vaughan, who was the route man in East Arlington, observed three persons running from the bank at approximately 1:44 p.m. At the same time the bank alarm came into the police station and Calautti responded in a police cruiser. Vaughan radioed Calautti that a blue Ford was traveling east on Mass. avenue with three occupants who had come from the direction of the bank.

Vaughan went to the bank and determined from employees that the bank had been held up by two men wearing ski masks, each carrying a revolver.

According to one employee, one of the two had jumped over the high glass protective window and ordered the employee to help fill a satchel with approximately \$24,000 in cash, while the other pointed a gun at the two tellers. The suspect who filled the bag with money

then jumped back over the counter, and both fled the bank.

Calautti followed the car east on Mass. avenue where it took a left onto Alewife Brook parkway towards Medford. The pursuit continued towards Dilboy Field where Calautti reported one of the occupants was shooting at him. Three shots were fired, according to Carroll.

The pursuit continued along Alewife Brook parkway when Officer Harry Ryerson and Inspector Robert Collins joined in an unmarked car.

The chase continued into Medford where the vehicle with the three occupants made a right turn in the vicinity of the First National store on Mystic Valley parkway. One of the occupants then jumped out and fled on foot.

From information received by Medford police, a man was seen acting suspiciously on West street. Police cordoned off the area. Parenti was found in the crawl space underneath a front porch.

A 32 caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, brown gloves, and a cloth bag which, police say, appeared to contain the approximately \$24,000 in cash that was taken from the bank, were recovered near where Parenti was arrested.

According to one of the tellers at the bank, there were no customers in the bank at the time of the robbery. Also, the suspects who robbed the bank didn't want the explosive dye money. The bank closed after the robbery but reopened at 6 p.m.

Arlington police are working with the FBI, state police and other local departments in investigating the holdup.

About Arlington People

What a relief for Leonard Collins. When he was paying for his ticket at the Red Sox game the other day, he asked the ticket vendor if he would believe that Leonard had been there in 1912.

"I believe it," the man said. Turns out he reads Leonard's column in The Advocate. Leonard was relieved. "I was afraid I look a hundred," he said.

Arlington Art Assn. member Diane Leonard Brough of Medford has a painting hanging through May 25 at the Salmagundi Club, America's oldest professional art club, on Fifth avenue, New York. This is the second non-members open juried exhibition in 109 years at the club. Ms. Brough exhibits at the Robert Brooks Art Gallery in Hyannis.

Arlington has new co-chairmen of blood services for the American Red Cross. The whole northeast region services 200 hospitals in Maine and Massachusetts.

Succeeding Harry McCabe as chairman are Owen Carrigan and Edward Lesser. They hope to increase giving in Arlington from 1 percent to 2 percent of the population. Next chance to donate blood is May 19 from 10 to 4 at St. James Church.

Congratulations to Daniel Breslau of 64 Hodge rd., winner of a University of Chicago Merit Scholarship. Four-year Merit Scholarships were sponsored by 190 colleges and universities for 1,917 winners.

Daniel, who has been active in the Arlington High School yearbook and magazine, photography and science clubs, will study sociology in the liberal arts program.

The John L. Asinari Award, given in memory of John L. Asinari, was recently awarded at MIT. The award honors the 1972 Arlington High graduate who was killed four years ago while he was studying a pre-med student at MIT.

The award, given for outstanding research by an undergraduate student in the field of life sciences, went to Alfred Geller of New Rochelle, N.Y., a senior in the Dept. of Biology; Jan Kronish of North Bellmore, N.Y., another senior; and Irene Goldberg of Lexington, a sophomore in the Dept. of Nutrition and Food Sciences. Two honorable mentions were also awarded.

Winner of the Citizenship Award to be given by the Middlesex County Bar Assn. May 22 is Robert D. Slate, a senior at Arlington High School. The award program is in conjunction with the observance of Law Day.

Robert, who will attend Harvard, is involved in the jazz, symphonic and marching bands, the yearbook and newspaper. He is a representative on the Mass. State Student Advisory Committee and Greater Boston Regional Education Council. In addition to being a Merit finalist, he was 1978 state winner of the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award.

Seascapes by members of the Arlington Art Assn. are being shown this month at the Robbins Library Gallery.

Artists included in the display are Estelle Black, Linda Buzzotta, Val Chisholm, Mildred Cooney, Ester DeRosas, Helen Glynn, Prudence Green, Annette Jones, Jean Kanlian, Koletta Kaspar, Herman Kroumhout, Anthony Milici, Marcel Moge and Evelyn Shillidy.

Frank Nahigian of Venner road put on his track shoes for a benefit race on the Esplanade and won first place honors for the men over 35 division. The Celebrity Love Run was sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Assn. Joggers will be getting sponsors for running they do this month to raise funds for the association.

Valerie JBecker will give a recital at the Boston University School for the Arts today at 8 p.m.

Brantwood Rd Gas Main Fire Damages Truck

A fire from a gas leak Tuesday on Brantwood road damaged a Public Works truck which had been working in that area.

According to Fire Division Deputy Charles Mahoney, the street was being rebuilt when the truck working in the area hit a soft spot along a gas main. The truck then sunk into the dirt road so the under carriage of the truck hit a gas main. This caused the heat from the engine to ignite the truck and the escaping gas.

A truck chain was then put around the vehicle, the truck was pulled out, and the fire was extinguished by ansul powder and water. The truck was then taken to the Town Yard.

What followed was a controlled burning in the street until the gas main was shut off by the Boston Gas Company and valves were put on either side of the break. After approximately one hour the fire burnt itself out. The fire was allowed to burn like this, Mahoney said, to prevent gas seeping through the ground and entering area dwellings.

Fire officials also called Boston Edison Company because of the possibility of overheating wires overhead; however, this did not happen.

A forceful entry was made by officials into the then unoccupied residence next to the fire, at 76 Brantwood road, to check any accumulation of gas that might have seeped in. Also, water was sprayed on the residence because of the heat from the escaping gas main. No damage was done to the house which is owned by Thomas Ogden.

Fire officials were notified of the fire, which began at 2 p.m., by radio from the Public Works Department. The fire was out by 3:20 p.m. Engines 1, 4, Ladder 1, and Rescue 1 were used.

13th Session Revaluation Compromise Passes At Town Meeting

After discussion at three Town Meetings, a compromise article on revaluation was passed and notice of reconsideration was immediately given by member John Deyst.

The compromise which resolved the impasse was a motion drafted by Allan Tosti, Charles Fosket and Marlin Whitney which create an advisory committee to study computer services available for revaluation.

The motion also appropriated the \$130,000 which the Assessors had asked for in order to carry out updating of the 1969 revaluation.

For two nights Town Meeting members had been voting down articles and motions and debating the appropriation and establishment of an advisory committee.

Under the compromise motion which passed, the committee would be composed of three Town Meeting members named by the Moderator; three Finance Committee members appointed by their chairman; the Assessors and Assistant Assessor; the coordinator for data processing and the school department director of data processing.

The compromise motion was introduced by Fosket who said that Town Meeting members should not hamper the Assessors carrying out their duty and should not expect to force detailed directions.

A key provision of the compromise was "that the expenditure is expressly contingent upon the town's securing of ownership of the programs and data base."

Before the vote was taken Town Counsel John Maher gave his opinion

that \$19,000 left from an appropriation to the Assessors for revaluation two years ago could not be used by the advisory committee as constituted in the Finance Committee article.

Maher reported on a conversation he had with the chief enforcement officer of the Dept. of Revenue. He was told that by 1980, 290 communities will have completed revaluation. If the funds were not appropriated, Arlington might not be made party to the state suit going on now, but it could be placed on the list of noncomplying communities which the state would revalue itself.

The Selectmen endorsed the compromise and congratulated the three Town Meeting members who drafted it. Assessor Dan Purcell called it a better peace than Carter has. "At least we've got some brains around here."

Not everyone was happy with the state requirement. Member William Donovan suggested that legislators be pressured to change an unjust law which is making Arlington revalue for a second time when some communities have not done it once.

The revaluation article, number 72, passed on voice vote. Two notices of reconsideration on earlier articles were withdrawn. The motion of Joseph Todisco to reconsider an earlier Whitney motion was not withdrawn because Deyst gave notice of reconsideration. The third night's discussion had taken 45 minutes.

The following warrant articles, 73-77, were postponed and withdrawn. Articles 73-76 dealt with construction of a new

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Training

Ellie Wilson takes a big jump under the watchful eye of Elaine Cooper of the Recreation Dept. who is training local athletes for the Special Olympics. The county meet will be May 19. Twenty-eight local youths are preparing in high and broad jumping, relay, dashes and softball throw. (Staff Photo by Dan Walsh)

LWV Sponsors

Free Auto Emission Test Available Saturday 10-1

Free auto emissions inspection, sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Arlington and Belmont, will be available to motorists on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The inspection, to be done by personnel from the Environmental Protection Agency, will be on a first come basis at the parking lot of All Saints Church, Clark and Common streets, Belmont.

The simple tailpipe test gives instantaneous readings of carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon pollutants. The readings are then compared to emissions standards which vary with the age of the car. If the readings are above the standard, an engine tune-up or carburetor adjustment is recommended to reduce the car's pollution.

This free test is being sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters both to help motorists improve and protect the air quality of this area, and to highlight the importance of the inspection and maintenance program that the state legislature is now considering.

The new Federal Clean Air Act requires many states, including Massachusetts, to establish an inspection and maintenance program as a means of reducing high pollution levels or lose large amounts of federal aid.

The state legislature is considering whether such tests should be performed by private garages and service stations as part of the current safety inspection, by state-owned and operated inspection stations, or by one chosen private contractor.

School Committee Schedules Meeting For Tues. Night

The School Committee has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday night to discuss the budget and to act on the selection of an AHS Headmaster.

The committee plans to discuss the budget from 7:30 p.m. and the Headmaster selection at 8:30 p.m.

This week in metroguide

Feature
The Great Boston Kite Festival
This week, our suggestion is to go fly a kite, as the Great Boston Kite Festival gets underway. Now in its second decade, the festival features mimes, music, food — and, of course, a veritable multitude of kites.

Guidelines
A new department featuring the lowdown on special things to see and places to go.

Firefighters To Stay On Rescue Crew

Selectmen voted to restore funds to the Fire Division budget to continue with uniformed firefighters on the Rescue and agreed to ask Town Meeting to postpone debate on the budget so that the Finance Committee would have a chance to review the changes.

The budget discussion was initiated by Selectmen who, a week ago, had asked Community Safety Director Robert Blomquist to recommend how \$24,000 could be put back in the budget to keep firefighters on the Rescue, and how those funds could be cut elsewhere.

Town Manager Donald Marquis said the only alternatives for cutting, none of which he and Blomquist recommended, included deleting the positions of meter repairman, planner and/or a chief fire officer. If parking meters are eliminated, a \$5600 meter van could be taken out of the budget.

Selectmen discussed the options, with Robert Walsh saying they should put the men back on the Rescue and live with it. The board did not "have" to eliminate anything else to justify something worthwhile.

Ann Powers agreed, saying based on recent information the board had, she felt that going civilian on the Rescue would result in a loss of service.

Robert Murray asked questions about equipment, whether the department still planned to buy a mini-pumper and if the Fire Division needed as much equipment as it had.

Blomquist said that the 1954 Engine 1 needed replacing and by 1982 the town will need a new ladder truck. He said he was sold on the two-man mini-pumper if cuts have to be made.

On the question of how many men should go to a fire, he said the important question was how much water is available. Marquis responded that if the question is whether it is preferred to cut men or equipment, it is better to have equipment, because manpower can be picked up.

Walsh said he felt no problem voting to put uniformed men back on the Rescue, and said he hoped the town would not go another year without collecting its share of emergency ambulance service fees which are covered by many residents' insurance policies.

Last night Selectmen were due to hear about collecting third party payments from an insurance representative. The town could collect an estimated \$70,000 a year this way.

★ Revaluation

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police station and elderly housing at Mystic and Summer streets. Postponement of the articles was asked since Selectmen were to decide if this week if they should go ahead with the project and request a June Special Town Meeting.

Article 77 for the town to accept a gift of land on Wellington street was withdrawn. A later Town Meeting will act on the gift after legal and financial questions are ironed out. The land is along the shore adjacent to the Boys' Club property.

Under Article 78 the Town Meeting accepted a gift of \$3500 to be invested for use in the 1985 celebration of Arlington's 350th year anniversary of settlement.

Selectman Robert Walsh made the presentation on behalf of the Bicentennial book committee which raised funds through publication of a Bicentennial history. He credited late chairman Arthur Saul with the insistence that funds be solicited beforehand through sponsors and advertisers so that cost of the book could be kept low for purchasers.

Walsh thanked those people who helped contribute to the book and the people on the book committee which most recently was headed by Margaret Spengler and Matilda Bradford.

The meeting adjourned after voting a resolution congratulating Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler on his 50th anniversary.



Nelson



Rotondi



Switzler

Tuesday Night

Courts, Taxes, Energy To Be Aired At Forum

The issues of the judicial system, state taxes and the energy crisis will be discussed at a free Middlesex Forum on Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Town Hall.

After the presentations the audience will have a chance to question the speakers. Sen. Sam Rotondi, Rep. Royall Switzler and Avi Nelson.

Sen. Rotondi will speak on the subject, "The Judicial System." He represents the Fourth Middlesex District comprised of the towns of Arlington, Lexington and

Winchester and the city of Woburn.

He is chairman of the Joint Committee on Public Service; vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation, Judiciary Committee, Health Care Committee and the Counties and Transportation Committees.

The senator, a graduate of Brown University with a B.A. degree, and Suffolk University School of Law, with a J.D. degree, was a practicing attorney from 1972-1974.

He is a member of the Winchester Jaycees' Mass. Bar Association, Knights of Columbus; Sons of Italy; Captain of the U.S. Air Force Reserves and Judge Advocate's Office.

Royall H. Switzler who will speak on the subject, "State Taxes," is a

Representative of the 14th Norfolk District encompassing Wellesley and Weston. He is serving his third two-year term as a legislator. He is one of the architects of the Proposition 2½ per cent.

His committee assignments are as a member of the Joint Committees on Counties and of Education. He formerly served on the Joint Committees on Public Service and Education. He is also a member of the House Ethics Committee and the Select House Committee on Personnel.

Rep. Switzler graduated from Northeastern University with a bachelor of science in business. Following service with the Special Forces in Korea and Vietnam, he was a national director and state vice-president of the Jaycees. He is a 15-year member of the Wellesley Town Meeting and has served on numerous committees in his community.

Switzler's honors have included the Distinguished Service Award in Wellesley; a listing in Who's Who in American Politics and Outstanding Young Men of America; and he has received a Jaycees International Senatorship.

Avi Nelson will address the "Energy Crisis." Nelson, a television personality, holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Yale, a master's in business administration from Cornell and a master's of science in applied physics from Harvard.

He worked as a research and development engineer for Raytheon prior to his media career as a talk show host. He produced and performed on his own TV series, "The Avi Nelson Show," on Channels 7 and 38.

In addition to the radio and television programs, he wrote a twice weekly newspaper column for the Boston Herald American. He is currently a regular commentator on the 6 p.m. news on Channel 5 and one of the panelists of

"Five on Five," a Channel 5 Sunday afternoon discussion of news of the week.

Nelson has received the Special Journalism Award for Excellence in Broadcasting. He has been named one of Massachusetts' Ten Outstanding Young Leaders by the Jaycees, Man of the Year by Boston Firefighters Local 718 and International Assn. of Firefighters. He was appointed to the Committee on Violence by Boston's Mayor White and chosen by the American Council of Young Political Leaders, Washington, D.C., for select State Department sponsored tour of the Soviet Union.

The presentation is under the auspices of the Arlington Republican Town Committee which plans a series of forums, the next to be held in the fall.

Peirce Playground To Be Discussed On Tuesday Night

On Tuesday at 7:30 at the Peirce School area residents are invited to discuss plans for renovating the school playground.

During the past three months progress had been made on the renovation program. The Selectmen and Town Manager voted to allocate some federal Community Development Block Grant funds for an architectural study of the playground.

The playground committee composed of Peirce parents and principal Dr. James Magee interviewed three landscaping firms. The Cambridge firm of Morice and Gary was chosen. Plans have been discussed at two meetings in May.

The Tuesday meeting will be the last opportunity for new input before plans are firming up.

Task Force Completes First Study Of AHS

The Citizen's Involvement Committee's Task Force on Education has completed the phase one study of Arlington High School. Students in various English classes from all four grades and levels were asked to respond in essay form to questions covering four areas: non-curricular, activities, classroom activities, library and guidance services, and discipline.

In choosing this kind of survey, the task force thought that in the long run it would prove more productive and useful than a multiple choice questionnaire. Suggestions were made by students on the control of vandalism, improvement in the physical facilities, and the formation of student discussion groups.

The purpose of the task force was to identify areas of concern to Arlington High School students, and to make this information and recommendations available to appropriate agencies.

A meeting to organize the second phase of this study will be held Tuesday at the Fox Library at 8 p.m. This phase will study the responses and develop recommendations to the School Committee, the central administration, and the student council. Co-chairmen of the task force are Mac Fraser and Mary Lou Little.

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Robbins Memorial Garden

Collins' Corner by Leonard Collins

A Better View



The beautiful setting, as many citizens know, is the little park between the Library and the new Town Hall named the Winfield Robbins Memorial Garden. This picture was taken the day the Hall was dedicated in 1913.

Taking a close view one can see the rear of the old High School, and off in the distance the steeple of the Congregational Church at the corner of Pleasant and Maple streets. And off to the left the top of the Robbins House. The wall that now surrounds the park had not been built and way up one can see the Indian with the pool in front.

The writer always felt it was a shame to put the wall along Mass avenue, as it shuts off from view much of the beauty of this setting. The poor Indian is tucked away up at the end of the pool. If one wishes to view him they must climb up among the bushes. Now when they arrive there, and are strangers to Arlington, or even if they are natives, they will not see the name of the Indian, or the name of the sculptor.

As suggested many times in this column, it would be nice if that statue could be moved down near Mass. avenue and have part of the wall removed so folks can view this entire scene. If this can be done maybe a plaque can be placed near the statue telling visitors who he is and who the artist was.

Funny thing about Indians, even though they were the first inhabitants, they always seemed to end up in last place. It seems we purchased our town known as Menotomy from a lady by the name of Squaw Sachem for a hand full of gold and a fur coat. Plus a few strings of wampum, and thus all the land we now own came to the white man at a real bargain.

In fact, history tells us that the town fathers reneged on the deal and Mrs. Sachem took them to court so she could wear her fur coat. Originally she was promised a coat every year but it is not known whether the Selectmen ever made good on the deal.

One of America's famous Indians named Jim Thorpe won all prizes at our 1917 Olympic games, and later was a great football and baseball star. He spoke one evening in the Hotel Lenox in Boston, and reminded all listeners about the attitude people have had over the years regarding the red man. And he brought out many instances of when he was a kid, and going to the movies, where there was a wild West picture being shown, and never once did he ever see the Indian win a fight. Oh, sure, they did capture the general's daughter, but when the soldiers came out of the fort, all the white kids cheered and cheered as one Indian after another bit the dust.

So perhaps one day we can take "The Indian Hunter" and move him up front where the kids of today can view him with a bit more dignity than did their fathers at the movies.

Many seeing this picture can remember walking down the middle of the park at recess to purchase six peanutbutter cracker sandwiches for a nickel at Buttrick's Store, where Belden and Snow's store is today. If one was well fixed financially they could also buy a Hershey bar for five cents at the school.

The ninth grade in town was in that school, and it was a few years later they established one at the Locke and Crosby Schools. Then came the junior high system in Arlington and they cut one year out of the educational set-up in town. There is a small hall in the high school in the photo, and it is known as Cotting Hall named after the donor of the land it now stands on.

So, now, that our Indian weather has arrived, we still have plenty of wild Indians running around. So we will close now after telling a few bits about our first citizens: It seems that two ladies met in Arlington Center one day and one asked the other how she liked the new neighborhood she was living in. The other lady said, "I don't like it, too many foreigners." She had been in America for 20 years.

Bulletin Board

May 10, 7:30 p.m., Conservation Commission, Town Hall Annex.

May 14, 7 p.m., Housing Authority, 4 Winslow st.

May 14, 7 p.m., Selectmen, Town Hall.

May 14, 8 p.m., Town Meeting, Town Hall auditorium

May 15, 8 p.m., ZBA

Hearing, Hearing Room, Town Hall, appeal from the refusal of the Building Inspector to issue a permit to subdivide a lot on Thomas st.

May 16, 8 p.m., Town Meeting, Town Hall Auditorium.

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Man About Town

We were premature a few weeks ago when we expressed our concern for the future of the town meeting form of government in Arlington — we hadn't seen the 14th session yet. That meeting came close to losing control. It ended when enough members drifted away after 11:30 so that a quorum was lost even though members who stayed were prepared to vote on three Arlington Center redevelopment articles.

Towards the end, speakers were greeted with calls and groans, interrupted, and treated badly. The Moderator, trying to control things, caused some of the problems — interrupting a speaker, about whom some members were rallying, to remind him of the 15-minute speaking limit and telling a member her point of order was out of order before she even said what her point was.

Things went from bad to worse when adjournment was moved at 11:35 and shouted down, then voted down. At 11:40 there were 136 members voting on adjournment. Two minutes later the quorum was gone. We don't know how the vote would have gone, but the fact that three hours of discussion was spent without resolution is regrettable. It will be even more unfortunate if the Wednesday session rehashes the same questions and issues for the benefit of the members who missed the first discussion.

Part of the problem with the Town Meeting is the unending questions which are being asked. Many are asked several times because members are so busy in the corridors and talking that they aren't paying attention. What the questions show is that some members have made no attempt to familiarize themselves with the issues. Phil McCarthy of the Redevelopment Board said that much Monday night. He's been there every session for 14 nights, the material on Arlington Center was given out more than four weeks ago, yet he had been asked only one question all those nights.

A lot of attention Monday focused on the eminent domain power given to the Redevelopment Board in the Arlington Center package of articles. Meeting members seem to have forgotten that similar powers were granted in the past to increase municipal parking and to add to the high school site. These matters were weighed and voted carefully. The town has not suffered because of these votes, eminent domain proceedings are not rampant, owners' rights are not being cast aside, but in the hands of some meeting members eminent domain becomes an emotional issue.

Because it finally came in with a larger plan for Arlington Center, the Redevelopment Board found itself the target of abuse. Forget the fact that these people are unpaid and put in more hours of service than most Town Meeting members ever will. To blame them for the town's low and slowly growing commercial tax base is absurd. Any Town Meeting member should know that the town has practically no vacant property on which to put new commercial development. The tax base in this town will increase when Arlington can offer businessmen parking, when driving to and walking around the commercial areas is pleasant and safe and worthwhile for shoppers, when the commercial properties are attractive enough to bring in good tenants so that the millions of dollars which are spent out of town are spent at home.

A low point in the meeting which had many low points was the name calling of officials. That's not the way town government in Arlington should work. These kinds of aspersions are unnecessary. Everyone knows that Town Meeting works slowly. This is a protection for the citizens who want to get involved in planning. To accuse officials of deceit because they have to proceed slowly and bring every step before Town Meeting is ridiculous and offensive. Better it be this way than to have an accomplished plan brought to the Town Meeting for rubber stamping.

A young friend of ours called upset about the way the wildlife at Menotomy Rocks Park is being treated, and we share his concern. Two ducks have been killed, as well as many fish. Some youngsters are catching the fish, then mutilating them and mistreating them.

The Office of Consumer Affairs alerts residents to a bill to amend the state law and allow automobile dealers to sell used autos "as is." This would allow sale of vehicles without any implied warranty of merchantability. The change would allow a dealer to sell a car for parts only. Adds the Consumer Office, "Cars sold as is would mean that they would be sold in their present condition with all faults. The automobiles could have problems, and if so, may require repairs which can only be made at the buyer's expense."

The local office opposes the suggested amendments, feeling that the bill would erode the rights of individual consumers. Residents are urged to contact legislators about the bill.

Some residents on Summer street think they have some rats in their yards. The Board of Health inspector has put a rat poison under one porch and advises residents to keep trash covered and to keep bird food off the ground. If there are rats around, they will move on when they cannot get food.

Bob O'Neill, chairman of the Finance Committee, wants people to know the FinCom is not as stingy as our editorial made it appear when we said the committee would vote for anything that reduces a budget. The committee has added some funds to the Council on Aging and library budgets and is not always swayed by the money alone according to the chairman.

One of the Salute To Youth Week activities last week was Student Government Day. AHS seniors who had been prepping at briefings with town officials and by attending Town Meeting took the roles of officials and also held a town meeting. Some familiar names were there as children of real Town Meeting members took the floor of the hall where their parents have been spending so many nights. It's a good way to introduce the concepts of participatory government to young people.

Some of the students even followed the examples of their seniors by playing hockey. Just as the real Town Meeting members are found out when their names are printed in The Advocate, the students were found out when they were called to come forward and receive certificates. For some reason there was lack of interest in the areas of government dealing with recreation, planning, cemeteries, trees and parks.

Attendance is not the only problem at the real Town Meeting. One member said he would call for adjournment at the next session because of a lack of quorum after the 14th session started half an hour late. Another member suggested that the names of the tardy be put in the paper.

We don't know that we'd like to run the names of the late members. Then we'd have to run the names of the people who leave early, and those who spend the night in the corridors, and one thing would lead to another and pretty soon we'd have no space left for other things. We've always favored the idea of a time clock — let everyone punch in and out. Constituents and precinct chairmen can find out how much time a member is putting in and it would give members a taste of what it's like to work under the clock.

Ask The Ombudsman

Q. Is it safe to swim in Spy Pond?

A. Not only is it not safe to swim in Spy Pond, it is illegal. This water way is a great pond which comes under the jurisdiction of the state and swimming is not sanctioned by the town. There are no lifeguards at the site despite the fact that there is a beach-like area at the Linwood street corner of the pond. Although many people choose to ignore warnings and swim at their own risk, it is a known fact that the pond is hazardous. Many tragic accidents support this fact and, in many ways, the history of Spy Pond is a sad one. Deaths have been caused by many factors in the water there including hidden rocks, a tremendous growth of vegetation which can trap swimmers and incredible changes of water depths which can catch even the best of swimmers off guard.

Rather than risk your life in a water area which is known to be dangerous and unpatrolled, why not try swimming at Reservoir Beach on Lowell street in the Heights or at Sandy Beach on the Upper Mystic Lakes in Medford. If you are willing to take the travel time, there is great swimming no more than 1 to 1½ hours away on public transportation: namely, Revere Beach or Singing Beach in Manchester By The Sea.

Meeting Attendance

One hundred and ninety-three of 249 Town Meeting members, 77.5 percent, turned out at the 13th session on May 2. There was perfect attendance in Precinct 12.

Absent were the following: Prec. 1- John Kneeland and Beatrice Liberace; Prec. 2- John Cullinan and Thomas Woodbury; Prec. 3- Rebecca Handler and Stephen Pekich; Prec. 4- Arthur Felicani, Katie Spinos and David Haloon; Prec. 5- Lawrence Dennen and John Guanci; Prec. 6- Julia Burke, Stamatios Yiokarinis and Frank San Severino; Prec. 7- Edward Downey, Alexander Valente, Matthew Ferraro, John Guinane, James Tobin and Thomas Geary; Prec. 8- John Gearin; Prec. 9- Michael Keefe, Thomas Mulloney and Jeremiah Keefe; Prec. 10- Kenneth Spengler, Leslie Cronin, Nancy Higgins, Pat Mattheisen, Margaret Spengler and Marjorie Vanderhill; Prec. 11- William Maytum, William Irving and Robert O'Neill; Prec. 12- perfect attendance; Prec. 13- Patrick Murphy, Richard Blagden and Jerome Nolte; Prec. 14- George Chapin, Zolla Flores-Quesada, Kevin Guarente, Loretta Van Vugt, Marcia Paiva and Robert Shea; Prec. 15- Richard Fanning, Marie Krepelka and Howard Winkler; Prec. 16- Robert Finn; Prec. 17- Michael Carta and Jo-Ann Carbone; Prec. 18- Mary Ronan and Frank Ronan; Prec. 19- Michele Abruzzese, Thomas Driscoll and Thomas Doyle; Prec. 20- Alfred Fobert and Barbara Bruno and Prec. 21- Richard Femia.

Town Meeting attendance remained at 77.5 percent for the second consecutive session on May 7 with 193 of 249 members turning out. There was perfect attendance in Precinct 3.

Absent in Prec. 1- were Lawrence Jess and Beatrice Liberace; Prec. 2- John Cullinan; Prec. 3- perfect attendance; Prec. 4- Arthur Felicani, James Silva, David Haloon and Michael Peters; Prec. 5- William Shea, Lawrence Dennen and John Guanci; Prec. 6- Julia Burke, Stamatios Yiokarinis and Frank San Severino; Prec. 7- Alexander Valente, John Guinane, Kevin Moroney, James Tobin and Thomas Geary; Prec. 8- John Gearin, Charles Foksett and Dorothea Stein; Prec. 9- Thomas Mulloney; Prec. 10- Kenneth Spengler, Leslie Cronin, Nancy Higgins and Margaret Spengler; Prec. 11- William Irving; Prec. 12- Jennifer Donaldson; Prec. 13- Barbara Meissner, Helene Donahue, Patrick Murphy, William O'Brien and Richard Blagden; Prec. 14- Kevin Guarente, Loretta Van Vugt and Marcia Paiva; Prec. 15- Jane Goodwin, Alex Wilson and Marie Krepelka; Prec. 16- Donald Sandrelli, Henry Finochetti and Frederick Doee; Prec. 17- Michael Carta and Russell Cook; Prec. 18- Frank Ronan; Prec. 19- Michele Abruzzese, David Buck, Susan Foohey and Thomas Doyle; Prec. 20- Aloysius Weismann, Alfred Fobert and Francis Murphy; Prec. 21- Michel Gerassimenko, Joseph Todisco, Richard Femia and Mary Gerassimenko.

State House News

Military Budget: The Senate rejected 25-14 resolutions urging the President and Congress to make major cuts in the military budget and to cut military spending and transfer funds to state and local governments to create jobs and meet social needs. Rotondi voted against the resolutions. **Sequential Dialing:** The Senate rejected 23-8 a bill outlawing individuals or companies from soliciting by telephone dialing in numbered sequence either mechanically or manually. Rotondi voted against the bill. **Search and Seizure:** The Senate tabled thus defeated 28-7 a bill repealing the 1974 law which limits police searches. The law now requires search warrants before a suspect can be searched for something else if he is being arrested on a different charge. Rotondi voted for the law limiting police searches.

Living Will: The House rejected 100-50 a measure making living wills legal and binding. A living will is a document adults can sign authorizing the removal of certain life-sustaining equipment and procedures in cases of terminal illness. Gibson supported the bill, Cusack opposed it. **Welfare:** The House approved 92-57 resolutions establishing a commission to study the feasibility of transferring welfare administration back to communities. Cusack voted for the study, Gibson opposed it. **Shield Law:** The House rejected 98-53 a qualified shield law protecting reporters from being required to reveal the sources of confidential information to a trial, investigation or the like. Cusack opposed the bill, Gibson voted yes.

To The Editor

Police Incident

TO THE EDITOR:

As this is Arlington salutes their youth week, we thought it was the youths turn to give their opinion. We thought it would be very appropriate to mention an incident that occurred this past week.

Our thanks to the Arlington police force for the way they handled the situation gracefully, such as beating up teenagers. This event happened this week at a party.

It was a party that could have been handled without force. But, unfortunately, this is the way the Arlington Police Dept. decided to handle it. As four officers broke up the party, many more cruisers were called in.

While many of the kids were leaving the party, many boys were accosted and brutally beaten, we know. We saw it... and it was an experience that will never be forgotten throughout our lifetime. We witnessed four policemen ferociously jump on one of our friends and beat his head against the ground.

In the meantime, other members of the Arlington police force arrested our other friends, also beating them up. During the whole incident, the police were using vulgar language consistently and were threatening kids with billy clubs.

As we are supposed to respect our police force, this incident made it totally impossible. We have never seen such animalistic behavior in our lives, and the memory of it will always remain imprinted in our minds.

The drinking age has now been raised, so we are not allowed to occupy nightclubs and we are not allowed to remain in park areas. And now, private parties are being broken up.

We are Arlington's youth and you cannot deny our existence. We have to reach an agreement somewhere. In conclusion, we would like the citizens of Arlington to be aware of the situation confronting us.

Signed,

The youths of Arlington

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was signed by approximately 50 Arlington youths.

Police Tactics

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to question the Arlington Police forces tactics on handling teenagers. I was witness to an amazing example at a party last weekend.

The force seemed convinced the only way to disperse the crowd was by assaulting a few of the guests as they were leaving. I know this must be hard for Arlington citizens to believe but I saw a few of my friends get abused before they were arrested by a large number of cops.

I feel the situation was handled unjustly. We as teenagers are not ignorant. We cooperate when treated with respect just as anyone else would. There should be no need for police officers to use violence to merely end a party.

The example the police displayed will not be forgotten by me or any of my friends who saw this incident. Congratulations officers! Another fine way to express your sentiments towards "Salute To Youth Week."

An Arlington Teen

Police Action

TO THE EDITOR:

I am very upset over an incident (a mild expression for the circumstances) which took place on Friday evening, May 4.

A group of young men were told to leave a house party. They were invited guests and I don't know why the police were called. Among a group that started walking home was my grandson.

They were all put under arrest. They had no liquor. They were handcuffed and then beaten by the arresting officers. I have been told that the beatings were severe enough to inflict great injury.

It was early the following morning before my grandson was permitted to make a phone call.

I have sufficient former information of similar action by the police in Arlington to feel justified to register a public statement.

I truly want to feel that our police

officers are dedicated to their duty and earnestly desire to protect the public and property. But I am afraid I am losing respect very rapidly.

I truly can't blame the young people for their attitudes when harassment of the young seems to be the "sport" of the day.

A Concerned Citizen

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to Director of Police Services John Carroll, arrests made Saturday night in connection with parties on Margaret and Thorndike streets stemmed from documented complaints by neighbors, and from request by the parties' sponsors to clear the outside areas of uninvited guests. In both instances police were reacting solely to uninvited persons outside and did not attempt to break up the parties in progress. To date Carroll said he has not received any complaints regarding police actions.

Rescue 1

TO THE EDITOR:

Your editorial on Rescue 1, and statements made by Directors Blomquist and French in your May 3 paper makes it mandatory for me to respond.

First of all I am a "civilian." I am also a registered EMTA, one of the first in this state. My registry number is 4472. I have also completed courses in basic, light, and heavy duty rescue, vehicle extrication, radiological monitoring, and firefighting.

I have been a volunteer Firefighter for the past 12 years. I have also worked on many ambulance and rescue vehicles. Because of these reasons, I believe I can speak on this subject with a little more than just average knowledge.

Your editorial implies a couple of things. First, that civilian EMT's cannot do the job as well as Fire Department EMT's. And, or, that firefighters as such, are in a class by themselves (non-civilians) and are therefore not humans. I question both of these impressions.

In the state of Massachusetts an EMT is an EMT. Civilians, police or fire

personnel receive the same EMT training. Thus as EMT's, can do the same exact job.

Director Blomquist makes a statement "that the civilian rescue personnel, were they hired, would not go into a fire building." Why not? Specialized rescue procedures ARE covered in the EMT program. And most EMT's are familiar with quick-entry mask, and basic search and rescue skills.

Director French in his opinion said he would rather go all the way and let the private sector handle the ambulance. Where was Director French in 1971 and 1972 when we were fighting to get the EMT program started? Opposition was coming from the Fire Departments, they kept saying that firefighters could handle the job without all this special training. (Now he wants to give it up altogether).

We know today that EMT's with just the basic 61-hour course have improved emergency care by more than 200 percent of what it used to be. Yet Massachusetts still remains in a primitive state compared to other areas of the country.

We need our emergency medical services upgraded again. We need new laws and advance training, so we can keep up with the changing times. An EMT is not NOT a policeman or a firefighter. He is a professional Emergency Medical Technician, trained to handle emergency medical problems, to include special search and rescue skills.

Director Blomquist also said 880 rescue calls could be billed out as \$80 each for a \$7,000 return to the town. 880 calls times \$80 equals \$70,400, not \$7,000. (EDITOR'S NOTE: That mistake was our error). Third party payments should be tried, because it would reduce the cost of the service to the town.

I believe the Selectmen should research the system used in Billerica. They have set up a separate EMT Department. They are not firefighters or policemen, they are town employed EMT's.

A separate public department. This I believe is a very good concept. And with

third party payments this department could cost the town very little to run, and still bring top emergency service to the residents.

Another thing the town should remember. To get good, qualified and competent EMT personnel you will have to pay them more than just the minimum wage. There is a lot of good talent out in the "civilian" world, but no one wants to pay for it.

I do agree that firefighters should not be eliminated from the Fire Department, especially when Ladder 1 only has a two man crew! These men should be re-assigned to the Ladder to bring the manpower up to standards.

Still, replacing eight firefighters with civilian EMT's would NOT hamper first alarm lifesaving capability of the fire service.

Thank you.
Ben Martino
EMTA 4472
38 Fremont St.

Scout Clean Up

TO THE EDITOR:

The last weekend in April the Boy Scouts and leaders from Arlington troops 302, 310, 313 and 368 participated in the annual spring clean up of the Meadows.

A work horse morning by all resulted in a truck load of litter, cans, trash, and junk.

This committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, who granted us permission, Mike Wright, Dept. of Natural Resources, who provided us with a driver and vehicle.

Also, all the leaders, scouts and adults from T-315 who helped plan this event. The entire body of people were fed troop style Saturday afternoon.

We are presently seeking donations, so that we may purchase "patches" for the scouts.

A special thanks to the Great Meadows Committee for their work and efforts in planning this event, for the past two years. Thank you.

Thank you.
Gene Cancelliere CC
Great Meadows Scout Committee

Meeting Concerns

TO THE EDITOR:

The League of Women Voters of Arlington has a position in support of a representative Town Meeting with informed Town Meeting Members. Our concern now is with the slow pace of Town Meeting and the continuing drop in attendance.

This appears to be an escalating problem over the last few years which the League would like to see reversed if Town Meeting is going to continue as a viable form of local government in Arlington.

Our suggestions include: a) that Town Meeting Members come fully informed, and b) that Town Meeting Members respect the intent of parliamentary procedure to provide a format for everyone — and not use that format to delay the proceedings which frustrates everyone.

It is good that people are still interested in participating in this New England form of government. We hope that the Town Meeting will use the power that it has to move the meeting along with due speed.

Sincerely yours,
Sandra L. Frohman
President

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We wish to thank our many friends who were part of or attended a reception in our honor at the home of Mrs. Myron Fisher in Lexington on April 29.

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Thank you all!
Mildred & Rose Sacco

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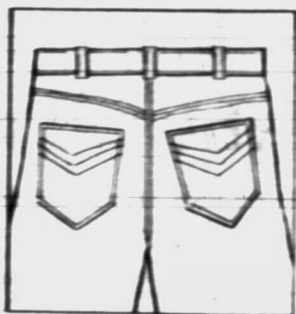
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Letters

Dog Rescued

TO THE EDITOR:
Enclosed please find my check in settlement of your invoice for Snoopy, a black scottie, who was lost.

Snoopy was visiting me from Plaistow, N.H. He has been here many times in the past 10 years and always goes out and returns promptly, but on April 16 he did not return. He was missing three days and nights when a young lady from Waltham rescued him out of the traffic on Moody street, Waltham at 9:30 in the evening when she was returning home.

He was battered and bleeding. She bathed him and then took him to the vet. Thursday she checked his license in Plaistow, N.H., and found he belonged to my brother, Rev. Msgr. John L. Parsons, of Plaistow. Needless to say we were both very distressed.

After a few telephone calls I reached her and she promptly brought him to me. He was numb, but after a few days in the hospital he is back with Monsignor again we are all very happy.

I suspect he wandered into the parade or perhaps it was the Marathon, but anyway he is home again and feeling much better.

The loving young lady is Debbie Bardul of Waltham.

Sincerely,
Margaret O'Donahue

Balanced Budget

TO THE EDITOR:
A group of Massachusetts lawmakers including our notorious Congressman "Tip" O'Neill and his prodigal son "Tom," State Senator Sam Rotondi, and Representatives Cusack & Gibson, have all arrogantly made it clear to their constituents that they will not support a sound dollar as demanded by the majority of voters who desire a balanced budget with an end to deficit spending in Washington.

Our debauched fiat dollar, in defiance of both sound money and our Con-

stitution, is now worth from 19 cents to 20 cents in terms of the old constitutionally-prescribed goldbacked dollar which went out of existence in 1933. Thus 80 percent of the original value of our now counterfeit money has been destroyed by continuous deficit spending by Congress over 15 of the last 16 years.

The unscrupulous "Tip" O'Neill arrogantly declares he will not support a return to sound money via a cessation of deficit spending in open defiance of both our Constitution and voter's wishes.

The Advocate of 3-29, 4-5, and 4-12 reveals that the above three Bay State lawmakers on Beacon Hill have all voted in contempt of public opinion against a resolution requesting Congress to hold a Constitutional Convention to adopt an amendment requiring a balanced Federal budget which could halt further erosion of our cheapened "Fiat" dollar.

Our state lawmakers and the public do not appear to realize that Congress has no revenue to share with the states; all they have is a chunk of the ever present and expanding deficits which remove still more value from our debauched currency with the inevitable reflection in still higher prices of food and merchandise. That is akin to adding more and more water to milk until it is 80 percent water and only 20 percent milk. Would the public accept that without a strident howl?

It appears highly significant that a majority of our Beacon Hill legislators are of such low calibre that they cannot or will not vote favorably on behalf of good government without an aroused citizenry climbing onto their backs in righteous anger. Unless our citizens become aroused sufficiently to light a fire under these political deadbeats, we can expect The Commonwealth to remain at the bottom of the 50 states in quality of government, just where we have been far too long.

A total of 33 state legislatures have already passed the resolution calling for a Constitutional Convention to establish a balanced budget which can arrest further erosion of our weak dollar. Only five more are required to put this sound move over the top. "Big Brother David" is waging his boys and their dupes can successfully block this attempt to restore the dollar to a sound currency once more,

which would set back his timetable for establishment of his avowed New World Order.

Sincerely,
Gerald T. Thompson

Diabetes Talk

TO THE EDITOR:

The Park Avenue Nursing, Convalescent and Retirement Home will feature Mrs. Edith Bergowitz on Tuesday at 2:30 as part of its week-long recognition of National Nursing Home Week.

Mrs. Bergowitz is a recognized authority on the screening programs run by the Greater Boston Diabetes Society. Herself a diabetic, Mrs. Berkowitz recently appeared on television to promote the society's new mobile detection unit van.

Her presentation at the nursing home will include the showing of a film on the early detection of diabetes.

The public is urged to take advantage of this community service. Over 10 million people in the United States have diabetes and almost half of these people do not know it. Diabetes is the third leading cause of death from disease and a major factor in heart disease. People who are over-weight, over 40 years of age or blood relatives of diabetics are high risk groups.

Commendation

TO THE EDITOR:

Today, May 3rd, while walking down Wheaton road, I noticed a large hole by the water basin. I called the Department of Public Works and reported the trouble.

In less than 10 minutes, John Greeley came down and took care of the matter immediately. He did not leave the area until everything was taken care of.

I'd like the people of Arlington to be aware of the competent, able, and concerned people we have working for the Town of Arlington.

Thank everyone who works for the Department of Public Works.

Yours truly,
Elinor T. Valminuto

Safety Thanks

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter has been sent to John Carroll, Director of Police Services:

Thank you so much for sending Officer Steele to the Peirce School... is discussion and filmstrip on "Safety" to our first graders made such a "great hit." The children were spellbound by the filmstrip and had so much of their own input to offer that the discussion became exciting even for me, their teacher.

It certainly left an indelible mark on their young minds and I am hopeful that Officer Steele will be able to continue his worthwhile and serious work of educating children against strangers.

Very sincerely yours,
The Peirce School
Alice A. Billies
Teacher, Grade One

Thompson Play

TO THE EDITOR:

On the evening of May 7 the 6th graders of the Thompson School gave an excellent performance of "My Fair Lady" under the capital direction of Mrs. Sheila Kaspik. Mrs. Kaspik also guided the children in designing and making the props and costumes for the production.

The children are to be commended for a truly fine performance. They worked diligently, and we are proud of their talent, effort and cooperation. The show will also be given for the Hardy and Crosby schools.

In addition to Mrs. Kaspik, and the parents, we would like to extend special thanks to the 6th grade teachers for their time, interest and support of the program.

Thompson School PTO

Hospice Thanks

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter has been sent to Roger Martin, Administrator, Symmes Hospital.

I personally wish to thank everyone connected with aiding our organization, Hospice Care Inc., on the night of our first annual meeting. In too few places do people and institutions take the opportunity to come forward, out of the mundane, and be willing to break ground in new areas of constant human concern.

The use of your cafeteria, with refreshment, was certainly a positive expression of how Symmes continues to be an effective force in community health-related activities.

Thank you.
Sincerely
Peter Sugarman
President

Thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to thank all those affiliated with the Arlington Baseball Association for the beautiful gift which was received by Mr. Deeb Homsie and Mr. Ray Hamway in honor of our son, John, at the Little League Banquet last October.

We would also like to inform you that despite a serious operation, John is now back playing ball with the AYA Phillies Baseball team.

We again thank his teachers, friends and coaches for all the support we received. Thanks to Mr. Robert Murray for making the beautiful baseball lamp.

Sincerely,
John & Bertha Demirjian

Dallin Play

TO THE EDITOR:

The Cyrus Dallin PTO wishes to thank all those whose help made our recent Tupperware Party benefitting the scholarship fund so successful.

Especially appreciated was the entertainment supplied by a group of fifth grade girls including Janette Dungee, Denise French, Debbie Hanlon, Regina Harrison, Karen Keichner, Suzanne

LeFebvre, Corinne Mahoney, and Connie Skourides.

Their performance of the play "Midnight Burial" was excellent and their voluntary giving of time, effort, and talent is very much appreciated.

Also appreciated was their baking of a chocolate, pink peppermint cake for the refreshment table.

Youngsters like these are what Arlington's Salute to Youth is all about.

Respectfully,
Cyrus Dallin P.T.O.

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Sky diving between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. plus a gourmet breakfast, an all day concert with dancing, a bake sale, auction and flea market along with games and a carriage and bike parade for the younger set, all these will be featured at a spring fair sponsored by the Minuteman Tech Booster's Club Saturday at the school.

Minuteman Tech is in Lexington near the intersection of Route 2A, and Massachusetts ave., just west of Route 128.

The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a gourmet breakfast and will continue all day until 4 p.m. Tickets for the gourmet breakfast are \$3, and table space is available for the auction and flea market.

Information about tickets and table rentals may be obtained from Lori Waldsmith at 443-2643, Rita Chase at 568-8207, Edith Rau at 338-7447, Phyllis Nelms at 259-9195, Roberta Tremarche at 926-6724, Barbara Murphy at 369-3365 or Beverly Harvey at 862-1053.

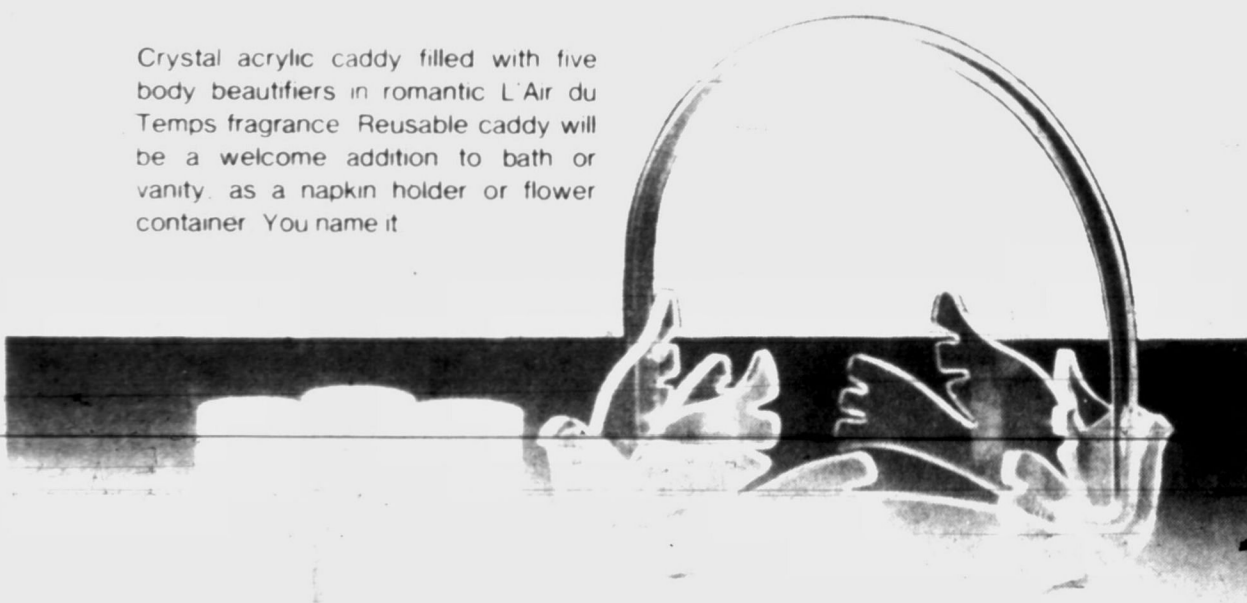
Proceeds from the spring fair will help send 110 Minuteman Tech athletes and coaches to Belgium this August for sports competition as part of an international exchange program which began last month when 120 Belgian athletes and coaches were guests of Minuteman Tech.



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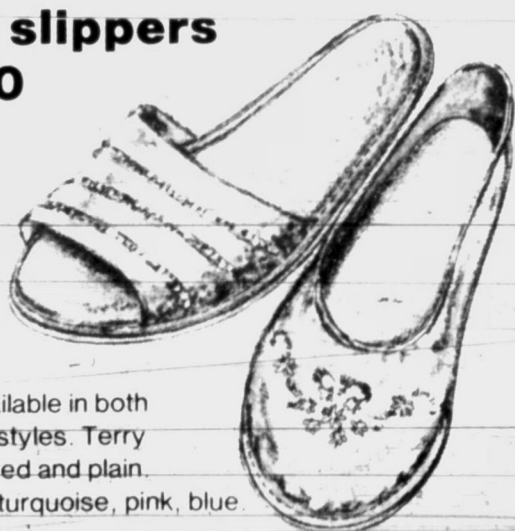


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Two Town Meetings Debate Redevelopment

More than four hours of discussion in the course of two nights did not resolve Articles 80, 81 and 82. Redevelopment Board warrant articles aimed at letting the town accept \$250,000 in state urban renewal funds.

Redevelopment Board chairman Joseph Tulumieri began the discussion by explaining that "urban renewal" was the term required by the General Laws and Dept. of Community Affairs. He said things have changed and humanized since the days that people think of with bulldozers and people removal.

The intent of the project is to expand the tax base, eliminate underutilized buildings and upgrade properties. Public stimulus to encourage private development, he called it. He stressed that while Article 80 gives authorization for acquisition of the Associates Block, this would not be done unless the owner were given the opportunity to improve the property and was unable or unwilling to do this.

Edward Tsoi of the Redevelopment Board explained how the town counted work that it had done with local and federal funds as its contribution toward Arlington Center redevelopment. The results have shown with private investment by the banks, Towne House Restaurant and the developer of the MBTA building. Improvements in the area will help improve economics in the Center, he said.

With Town Meeting approval for the town to accept the \$250,000 state grant over 20 years, the funds could be used if necessary to acquire the Associates Block. Tsoi said it is appropriate to acquire a property and resell it to a developer. The present owner will fix it up, then the funds could be used for other improvements in the area.

Planning Director Alan McClellenn explained that Arlington Center development so far has cost the town \$151,000, including \$25,000 of in-kind services of staff time. Seventy-five thousand dollars of state funds have gone into the Center and \$693,296 in federal funds.

Private expenditure in the area, including the MBTA building which is not completed and the BayBank Harvard Trust facility on Water street which is just outside of the designated development areas over \$1.3 million.

With the tax base 6 percent nonresidential, McClellenn said the base must be used to its maximum. In 1975 11 percent of the \$125,000 in commercial taxes in the development area were abated. His year taxes were up to \$134,000, and abatements amounted to 7 percent.

Sixty-five percent of the abatements in the district were for the Associates Block last year. The tax abatement on that property amounted to \$6,378.

Under the terms of Article 80, the town could not acquire any property other than the Associates Block without going back to Town Meeting for approval. A property can be acquired until two independent appraisers have made appraisals.

The \$50,000 in state funds would be available over a 20-year period. The town would have to bond the money, probably for five years. McClellenn said the price for the Associates Block, if the town ends up buying it, could be more or less the \$50,000. If the town takes it, the idea would be to sell it to a developer for a lower price, with the intent being that he spend the difference fixing up the building.

If Town Meeting rejects the article and says the town cannot accept the state funds, then the money will go elsewhere and the Redevelopment Board will become a planning board and do little else, warned McClellenn.

If the article passes, the Redevelopment Board would work with the owner to see if the building can be developed.

At the second session Arthur Loud asked if the owner of the Associates Block was in violation of town laws and how the \$250,000 would be used.

McClellenn said there were no legal violations. If the state funds are not used to acquire the property, they would be

used for public improvements in the area such as streets, walks and utilities.

Loud spoke against the articles, reminding meeting members that they object when the state mandates programs on the town, and now the town was mandating against someone smaller, saying to a property owner that the town does not like the looks of his property.

What the town is saying to him is that if you do not renovate to our wishes we will take the property from you and will find someone else who will renovate the way we like it, said Loud. He said it was "hogwash" that the property was necessary for Arlington Center redevelopment.

Tulumieri again summarized the articles and explained that the urban renewal plan they describe gives the town a chance to receive a state grant. The owner of the Associates Block can bring the building up to standard himself, he explained.

The purpose of the grant and the town's work in Arlington Center is to stimulate private investment and redevelopment. Part of this plan would allow the Redevelopment Board to acquire the property at fair market value, and dispose of it. Selling it at a lower price may be the only way to encourage private development and is a typical way for a project like this, he said.

On a question of whether Saul Glassman, owner of the Associates Block, knew about the plans, McClellenn said he and planning staff had talked to Glassman and tenants. He said that all Glassman asked him to tell Town Meeting in discussing the property is that it might cost more than \$250,000.

Tulumieri said that from the economic feasibility point of view, it would more advantageous for the present owner to get tax abatements as he does instead of doing something with the building in terms of repairs. Forty percent of the taxes are abated. Assessors chairman Dan Purcell explained that abatements are linked to income in commercial properties.

Glassman, trustee for the owner of the building, told the meeting that three years ago he spent \$20,000 for a new roof, gutters and windows in the upstairs hall. He said he hoped he could pay his taxes. He said the building was up to code and that the town had not asked him to do anything specific.

He went through correspondence showing contacts made with him about development in conjunction with the Water street MBTA building and a letter he sent the Town Manager asking that discussion about his property be held with him and not his tenants. He said he got no response to that letter.

After reading about the warrant articles in The Advocate, Glassman says he wrote the manager, asking to be kept informed, and was sent materials about Town Meeting and was called when the

article was expected to be discussed. Glassman warned Town Meeting that it looked like there would be a court case over the property and that the town would have to pay whatever the court awards, plus legal and appraisal fees.

Selectman Robert Murray reviewed previous eminent domain actions by the Town Meeting and said that it is sometimes needed for progress and to make the community better for the majority. Town Meeting's decision may or may not hurt Glassman, Murray said. If his property is purchased and he gets a fair price, it may be good for him. Murray reviewed the Selectmen's action in creating a district in which owners can apply for lower interest loans, and in creating a position of economic development coordinator to help attract business and commercial development.

Another possibility for funding assistance for the Associates Block is placement on the National Register of Historic Places. The overall goal is to change the tax base of the town, Murray said. It started with the Model Block program, and these articles are one more step.

If the tax base does not change the town will have serious financial problems, he predicted, closing with some figures about the Associates Block. He pointed out that for a comparable amount of square feet the Coolidge Bank and Trust Building up the street was paying \$40,000 in taxes while the Associates Block was paying \$10,000 of its \$16,000 tax bill.

In answering questions, McClellenn pointed out that one advantage of the town acquiring the property, if need be, is that the town could require the owner to develop it, and would be protected against someone buying and holding the property. If the town bought the block it would pay the taxes from revenues collected. If the purchase price were over \$250,000 the Redevelopment Board would have to seek additional funds from the state, from Town Meeting or from federal funds, he said.

As for tenant rights, McClellenn said that leases would be void if the town bought the property, but if tenants were to be moved the town would have to find suitable relocation space and pay removal costs. He said some tenants were interested in acquiring the block.

Redevelopment Board member Tsoi said it is a long process to achieve redevelopment. What the board wants is to preserve the building and see businesses in the building strengthened, he said. This would mean better tenants to round out the services Arlington needs.

With the CARD (Commercial Area Redevelopment District) program, the state grant and public improvements, there is a better chance to achieve

redevelopment in this block than any other place, Tsoi said. In deciding to let Arlington accept the state grant, one of 10 awarded, Town Meeting is deciding if it wants to make a commitment for redevelopment that goes beyond Model Blocks, streets, lights and walks. Tsoi said.

Ron Nigro reminded the meeting that it chose to create a Redevelopment Board instead of an authority because it wanted proposals brought back to the meeting. Paraphrasing De Tocqueville, he said democracy has a glaring weakness — its inability to have long range planning.

He said that Glassman was owed an apology for the way he was treated by the town, but he noted that per capita income in town is falling. Town Meeting should pass the articles and insist that the Redevelopment Board treat parties fairly and honorably, Nigro said.

Town Manager Donald Marquis said that Glassman had told representatives of the town he was not interested in improving his building. Marquis said coming to Town Meeting for the power to acquire the property was a last resort.

Glassman was asked how much he would put into the property. He said he would spend anything that is economically feasible. He called the Town Manager's statements untrue, and said he was talked to about his property only in passing.

Redevelopment Board member Philip McCarthy reviewed the work of his board in updating the zoning and putting on a moratorium against apartment construction as a preliminary to strengthening the commercial areas. Eminent domain power rests with Town Meeting. If the meeting does not want to expand the tax base and only wants to fix facades, he asked for the meeting to tell his board.

By this time it was after 11 and meeting members were asking questions about the parking planned between Mill and Water streets, the acquisition and resale price of the Associates Block, how much the Redevelopment Board has increased the tax base and what its budget is.

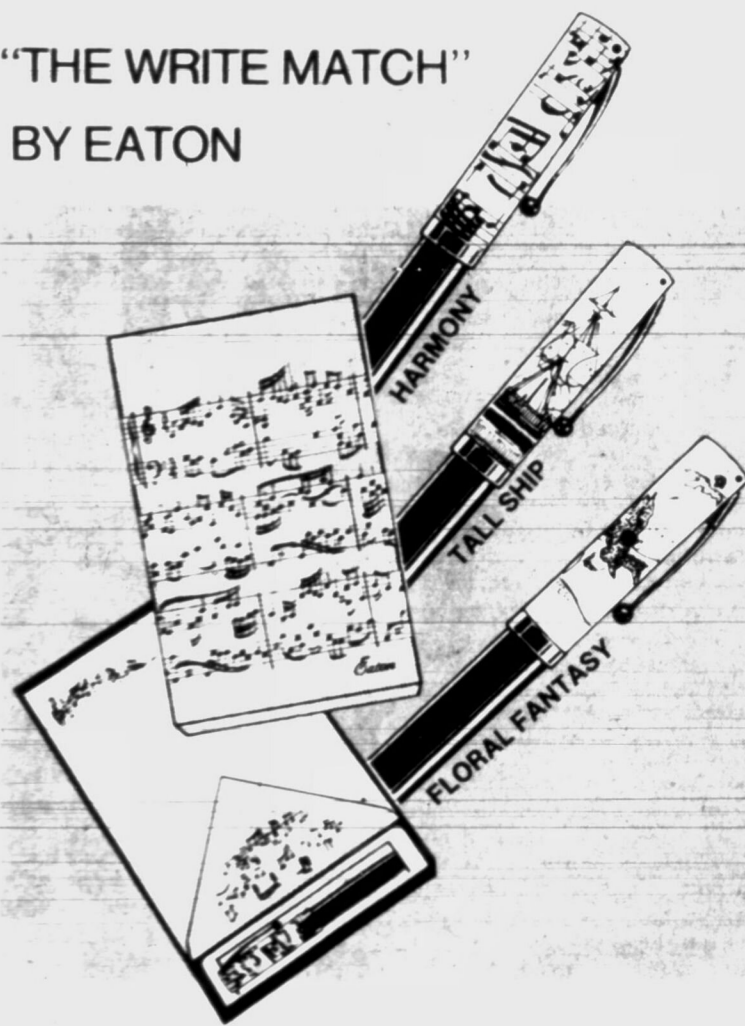
Allan Tosti defended the board, noting that a great deal has been done with Arlington Center and that it looks better. Merchants got parking, they are doing better and there are no more vacant stores in the Center. That this large building in the Center is paying in taxes what four houses pay he called "outrageous."

At 11:35 adjournment was moved and turned down by voice vote with 136 people voting. A couple of minutes later there were only 110 members on a quorum count (126 were needed) and the meeting had to adjourn.

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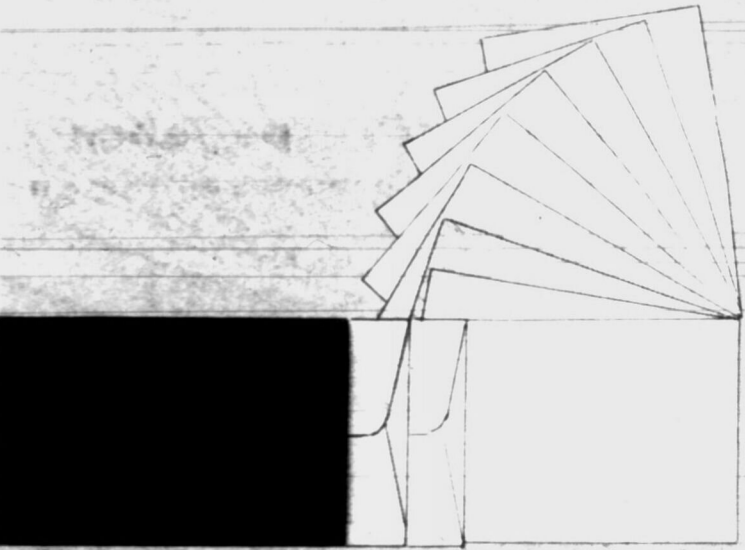
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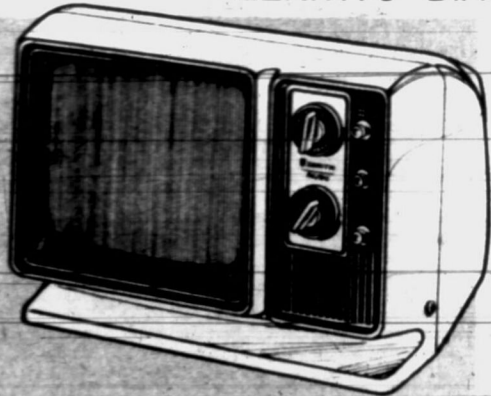


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Winners of the best looking cars were Bobby Coven, Scott Wells and Joe La Roche.

Engraved plaques were awarded to the following heat winners: Andy Carrigan, Jimmy Meehan, Dennis Callahan, Doug Callahan, Joe LaRoche, Mattie Mead, Bobby Coven, Rick Buck, Scott Wells, Joey Gatto, Derek Conrad, Mike Malatesta and Billy Phillips.

The following Webelos were awarded their Arrow of Light: Eddie Doughty, Jimmy Hutchinson, Peter Brekalis, Jimmy O'Connell, Michael Mead, and Eli Valk.

Jimmy O'Connell, Michael Mead and Jimmy Hutchinson earned their Webelos Badge.

Naturalist pins were awarded to Jimmy O'Connell and Eli Valk.

A Showman pin was awarded to Jimmy Hutchinson. Eli Valk earned his scholar pin.

The following Cub Scouts earned Gold Arrows: Brad Tenney, Scott Bullock, Jim Hughes, Nicky Bada, George Sinanis, George Sinanis, Brian Lopilato, Bobby Underwood and Paul D'Agostino.

Silver arrows were presented to: Brad Tenney, Scott Bullock, Jim Hughes, Nicky Bada, George Sinanis, Mike Sinanis, Brian Lopilato and Bobby O'Connell.

Wolf Badges went to Bobby Underwood and Bobby Coven. A bear badge was presented to Jimmy Coven.



SALUTE TO YOUTH included a show put on by the teachers at Stratton School for their pupils. A full house of parents and kids enjoyed the show by teachers, many of whom came dressed "as they were"

when they were youth. From the left, front, are Joanne Falwell, Virginia Morse and Kren Frank. Rear, Alan Oliff, Alice Iavelas and Jane Cash.

Robbins Branches Have New Hours

The Robbins Library is now closed Sunday afternoons. It will reopen on Sundays next fall.

Current library system hours are as follows:

Robbins Library, 700 Mass. ave. — Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dallin Branch, Park ave. — Monday and Friday 1 - 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 1 - 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Fox Branch, 175 Mass. ave. — Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Dallin PTO To Host Discussion Of Youth Services

The Cyrus Dallin PTO lecture which was postponed has been rescheduled for Tuesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Jerry Trow and several of his specialists will discuss the many services offered Arlington public school children by the Pupil Personnel Services Department.

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Artists Exhibit

Monday - clam roll, mixed vegetables and coleslaw.
Tuesday - meatball sub (seniors last day).
Wednesday - grilled ham and cheese.
Thursday - manicotti.
Friday - turkey bites-buttered peas.
Changes made without notice due to circumstances beyond our control.



YOUNG WRITERS—Laura Ferguson, Erica Ferguson, Cally Gwon and Jenny Santosuosso (absent, Kimberly Kadehjian). Locke School pupils, were invited to attend the Fifth Young Writers Conference at Lesley College. The first and third graders joined other children for a morning of creative writing, painting, song and dance. During the program teachers Frances Flourencourt and Nan Sickles received advice on how to identify and develop the gifted and talented child. In the afternoon the children dramatized an African folk tale.



CONGRESS—Mrs. John Lally, left, of Arlington, is chairwoman of the League of Catholic Women's annual congress which will be held Wednesday at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Helping plan the event are Mrs. John McAvoy of Arlington, center, and president Mrs. Thomas Heffernan. The program will include guest speakers on "The Media and the Message" and dinner. Contact Mrs. Lally for ticket information.

4-1 Vote

Board Supports Article On Reservoir Water

Selectmen voted this week 4-1 to support the requested appropriation of the Recreation Facilities Committee to continue work in the Magnolia street and Thorndike playground areas, and to upgrade the water quality at the Reservoir Beach swimming and recreation facilities. Selectmen Robert Murray voted in opposition.

The article, 63 of the Town Warrant, was scheduled for discussion at last night's Town Meeting.

There is concern over the water quality at the Reservoir to such an extent that the swimming facility might have to be closed in the future if something isn't done.

Nearly 1,000 persons per day use the area, the only outdoor swimming facility in Arlington, during the summer months.

A recent study of the Reservoir indicated that the tests of the bacterial level and lack of clarity of the water have presented a problem.

More and more chemicals have had to be added to the water to keep the growth of algae down and lower the level of bacteria. Cost of the chemicals in 1978 was approximately \$18,000.

According to the study the causes of the problem are from runoff of water from the general area, bacteria from a sewer line from Lexington and over-flowing and an amount of Nitrogen and Phosphorus emanating from the former Summer street landfill area and Monroe Brook contributing to the growth of the algae.

The consultants making the survey suggested that a diversion box be installed at Reed's brook, and that a dike be constructed at the Reservoir which would enclose 2-acres of the beach area. This would be open-ended. Clear water would also be brought in the through filters. The building of the dike and the filter project would be a two-year project.



Salute

These youths who are busy looking over the Crosby School both know that it's their day. Thousands of residents of all ages attended the second annual Salute To Youth held at the sports arena. Booths, entertainment and prizes highlighted the day.

(Staff Photo by Dan Walsh)

Sons Of Italy To Celebrate Anniversary

Arlington Sons of Italy Lodge Hall will be the scene for the celebration of the lodge's 55th Anniversary on May 19.

The Arlington Sons, which consist of more than 500 members, has been an active civic organization. They have awarded scholarships to both the senior classes of Arlington High and Arlington Catholic Schools, sponsored little League Teams, tended to the needs of senior citizens, taken part in Arlington's Salute To Youth, and on numerous occasions have hosted visiting dignitaries and church groups.

Among the head table guests will be Grand Venerable of The Massachusetts Order Of The Sons Of Italy Guy Arigo and Mrs. Arigo, Venerable Of The Arlington Lodge Peter Galluzzo and Mrs. Galluzzo, Mrs. Mary Ciano, Venerable Of The Arlington Regina Elena Lodge and her husband Michael; Marcie Galluzzo, Venerable Of The Junior Division Of The Sons of Italy, Monsignor John J. Linnehan, rector of St. Agnes' Parish; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Paratore. Mr. Paratore will serve as toastmaster.

The highlight of the evening will be the awarding of "The Man Of The Year" title. The banquet is being coordinated by Jim Solano. Music for dancing will be provided by "TH and Company."

Sr. Citizens Exhibit Art

The Arlington Art Association is presenting a juried exhibit of paintings and graphics by senior citizens of Arlington during May at the Edith Fox Branch Library in east Arlington.

A reception for the award winners, the other exhibitors and guests opened the exhibition under the supervision of the president, James P. McGough, and co-chairwomen, Gloria Albertelli and Helen Glynn.

The award winners are: non-members: Landscapes 1st, Anna Rutkowski; 2nd, Rose Ann Faulkner; 3rd, Elizabeth Saunders. Seascapes: 1st, John Thomas; 2nd, Doris O'Neil; 3rd, Tillman Abbott.

For the members of the association: Landscapes: 1st, Hermann Kromhout; 2nd, Gladys Locke and Elizabeth Magliozzi; 3rd, Val Chisholm and Koletta Kaspar. Floral: 1st, Ida Coppinger; 2nd, Mildred Cooney; 3rd, Ezna Boyajian. Seascapes: 1st, Gideon Cohen; 2nd Kathy Iappini; 3rd, Prudence Green.

In the special category: a first for the Portrait by Helen Glynn and a first for the mosaic by Dorothy Lawson. The Best of Show Award went to Gideon Cohen, with honorable mentions for Anna Basti and Anthony Milici.

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Home Inspection Program May 17 At Fox Library

Robbins Library is sponsoring a free home inspection program on May 17 that will help homeowners learn how to spot potential problems before they become too extensive. The program will be led by Jack Digby, a registered professional engineer and President of Middlesex Home Inspection, at 7:30 p.m. at Fox Library.

Digby will provide information on a variety of home systems so that people will be able to recognize when problems warrant calling in professional help. He will show how to analyze heating systems, roofing, overall home structure, plumbing systems and electrical systems.

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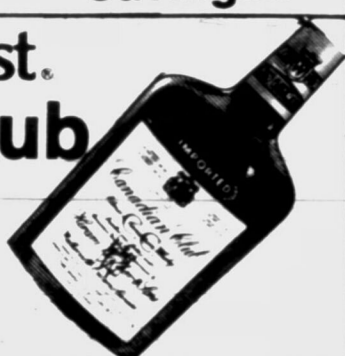
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